

§ 19.155 Maintenance of registration file.

The proprietor shall maintain the registration file in looseleaf form in complete and current condition, readily available at the plant for inspection by appropriate TTB officers.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1349, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5172))

§ 19.156 Powers of attorney.

The proprietor shall execute and file with the appropriate TTB officer a Form 1534 (5000.8) for each person authorized to sign or to act on behalf of the proprietor. (Not required for persons whose authority is furnished in the application for registration.)

(See 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1349, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5172))

§ 19.157 Operating permits.

(a) *General.* Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each person required to file an application for registration under § 19.151 shall make application for and obtain an operating permit before commencing any of the following operations:

- (1) Distilling for industrial use.
- (2) Warehousing of spirits for industrial use.
- (3) Denaturing spirits.
- (4) Warehousing of spirits (without bottling) for nonindustrial use.
- (5) Bottling or packaging of spirits for industrial use.
- (6) Manufacturing articles.
- (7) Any other distilling, warehousing, or processing operation not required to be covered by a basic permit under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (49 Stat. 978, 27 U.S.C. 203, 204). Application for such operating permit shall be made on Form 5110.25 to the appropriate TTB officer.

(b) *Exceptions.* The provisions of paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply to any agency of a State or political subdivision thereof, or to any officer or employee of any such agency acting for the agency.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1370, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5271); sec. 805(a), Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 275 (26 U.S.C. 5171))

§ 19.158 Data for application for operating permits.

Each application on Form 5110.25 shall be executed under the penalties of perjury, and all written statements, affidavits, and other documents submitted in support of the application shall be deemed to be a part thereof. Applications on Form 5110.25 shall include the following information:

- (a) Name and principal business address of the applicant.
- (b) Plant address, if different from the business address.
- (c) Description of the operation to be conducted for which an operating permit must be obtained.
- (d) Statement of type of business organization and of the persons interested in the business, supported by the items of information listed in § 19.167.
- (e) Trade names (see § 19.165).

(f) On specific request of the appropriate TTB officer, furnish a statement as to whether the applicant or any of the persons whose names and addresses are required to be furnished under the provisions of § 19.167(a)(2) and (c) has ever: (1) Been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor under Federal or State law; (2) Been arrested or charged with any violation of State or Federal law (convictions or arrests or charges for traffic violations need not be reported as to paragraphs (f)(1) and (f)(2) of this section, if these violations are not felonies); or (3) Applied for, held, or been connected with a permit, issued under Federal law to manufacture, distribute, sell or use spirits or products containing spirits, whether or not for beverage use, or held any financial interest in any business covered by any such permit, and, if so, give the number and classification of the permit, the period of operation, and state in detail whether the permit was ever suspended, revoked, annulled, or otherwise terminated.

Where any of the information required by paragraph (d) or (f)(3) of this section is on file with the appropriate TTB officer, the applicant may, by incorporation or by reference, state that the information is made a part of the application for an operating permit. The applicant shall, when required by the appropriate TTB officer, furnish as a part

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of his application for an operating permit additional information as may be necessary for the appropriate TTB officer to determine whether the applicant is entitled to the permit.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1370, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5271); sec. 805(a), Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 275 (26 U.S.C. 5171))

§ 19.159 Issuance of operating permits.

Only one operating permit will be issued for a plant. The operating permit shall designate the operations permitted. All of the provisions of this part relating to the performance of the operations covered by the permit shall be included in the provisions and conditions of the permit. Operating permits shall be kept posted available for inspection at the distilled spirits plant.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1370, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5271); sec. 805(a), Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 275 (26 U.S.C. 5171))

§ 19.160 Duration of permits.

Operating permits are continuing, unless automatically terminated by the terms thereof, suspended or revoked as provided in § 19.163, or voluntarily surrendered. The provisions of § 19.181 shall be a part of the terms and conditions of all operating permits issued under this part.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1370, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5271))

§ 19.161 Denial of permit.

If, on examination of an application for an operating permit (or on the basis of inquiry or investigation), the appropriate TTB officer has reason to believe that—

(a) The applicant (including, in the case of a corporation, any officer, director, or principal stockholder, and, in the case of a partnership, a partner) is, by reason of his business experience, financial standing, or trade connections, not likely to maintain operations in compliance with 26 U.S.C. Chapter 51, or regulations issued thereunder; or

(b) The applicant has failed to disclose any material information required, or has made any false statement, as to any material fact, in connection with the application; or

(c) The premises on which the applicant proposes to conduct the oper-

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ations are not adequate to protect the revenue; the appropriate TTB officer may institute proceedings for the denial of the application in accordance with the procedures set forth in 27 CFR part 71.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1370, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5271))

§ 19.162 Correction of permits.

Where an error in an operating permit is discovered, the proprietor shall, on demand of the appropriate TTB officer, immediately return the permit for correction.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1370, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5271))

§ 19.163 Suspension or revocation.

Whenever the appropriate TTB officer has reason to believe that any person holding an operating permit—

(a) Has not in good faith complied with the provisions of 26 U.S.C. Chapter 51, or regulations issued thereunder; or

(b) Has violated conditions of the permit; or

(c) Has made any false statement as to any material fact in the application therefor; or

(d) Has failed to disclose any material information required to be furnished; or

(e) Has violated or conspired to violate any law of the United States relating to intoxicating liquor or has been convicted of any offense under Title 26, U.S.C. punishable as a felony or of any conspiracy to commit such offense; or

(f) Has not engaged in any of the operations authorized by the permit for a period of more than 2 years; the appropriate TTB officer may institute proceedings for the revocation or suspension of the permit in accordance with the procedures set forth in 27 CFR part 71.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1370, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5271))

§ 19.164 Rules of practice in permit proceedings.

The regulations in 27 CFR part 71 are made applicable to the procedure and practice in connection with the disapproval of any application for an operating permit required by this subpart,